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January 2007 Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI) Recipients

State	Applicant	Grant Amount	Project Summary
AK	Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc.	\$300,000.00	Grantee will assist 10 rural villages in the development and implementation of local community plans, the management of one or more capital projects identified through the planning process, and will facilitate enhanced community and economic development by working at the local level with project partners.
AR	Capital Link, Inc.	\$270,000.00	Funds will enable Capital Link, Inc. to develop and increase the capacity of rural community health centers to undertake community facility and economic development projects. Capital Link will provide a program of financial and technical assistance to nine CHC's located in qualified rural areas of Arkansas over a three-year period.
AR	Winrock International	\$299,852.00	Funds will be used for Winrock International to provide performance assessments, technical and financial assistance, training, and mentoring services to develop the identified recipients' capacity and ability to undertake larger, more complex projects in housing, community facilities, community, economic, and cooperative development.
CA	California Coalition for Rural Housing	\$100,000.00	Funds will enable the grantee to provide technical assistance to the 5 tribes which are Big Valley Rancheria, Lakeport, CA; Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians, Lakeport, CA; Habematole Pomo of Upper Lake Rancheria, Upper Lake, CA; Robinson Rancheria, Nice, CA; and Elem Indian Colony, Clearlake Oaks, CA. The

			training will focus on three areas: 1)Acquiring and developing land for housing projects and housing related infrastructure; 2) acquiring, rehabilitating, and building housing projects with the ultimate goal of home ownership; and 3) operating housing assistance programs.
GA	JCVision and Assoc.	\$145,451.00	Funds will be used to provide technical assistance to build organizational capacity at the recipient level. The intermediary will assist one non-profit organization to become a self-sufficient housing service provider.
GA	Columbus Housing Initiative, Inc.	\$40,800.00	Funds will be used to provide technical assistance to build organizational capacity at the recipient level. The intermediary will assist two non-profit organizations to improve in-fill housing and to take on neighborhood revitalization programs.
GA	Lower Chattahoochee Regional Dev. Center	\$255,447.00	Funds will be used to provide technical assistance to build organizational capacity at the recipient level. The intermediary plans to work with the Southern Lower Chattahoochee Council of Governments to develop the capacity of this organization to administer revolving loan funds, revitalize downtown areas, and improve overall economic condition of the area.
ID	Idaho Dept. of Commerce and Labor	\$300,000.00	Grantee will provide technical assistance in growth management to 27 low income rural communities in Idaho to enable them to obtain capacity to adopt and implement sound growth management tools and strategies.
IL	Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University	\$299,991.00	Rural Development funds will be used to develop the capacity and ability of eleven nonprofit organizations and low-income rural communities to undertake projects related to community and economic development. Western Illinois University (WIU) proposes to hire a Rural Outreach Specialist to work with the 11 recipients to build their capacity.
IN	Indiana Community Action Assoc.	\$107,334.00	Funds will be used to provide technical assistance to 6 rural communities seeking self-sufficiency. Assistance will help communities develop human, social, and economic capital necessary to sustain self-sufficiency with their communities.
KY	University of	\$300,000.00	Funds will be used to provide technical

	Kentucky Research Foundation		assistance to local officials in Clinton, Cumberland, Elliott, Lee, Menifee, Owsley and Wolfe Counties by implementing an entrepreneurial coaching program so they can act as leaders and coaches to help individuals become entrepreneurs and help the local officials build a foundation to make their communities more attractive for potential businesses.
MA	YouthBuild USA, Inc.	\$300,000.00	Funds will be used to develop 15 rural YouthBuild operating programs located in small communities across the country. Ten of these will be new communities, previously not served, specializing in program delivery to tribal communities and Native American youth. The YouthBuild program provides program that has youth building affordable housing in distressed rural communities, while attending alternative school/GED or H.S. diploma.
ME	Threshold To Maine RC&D Area	\$135,000.00	Funds will be used for technical assistance in the form of on site consultation and coached management of public processes. Training, strategic advice and the right resources will be used to implement the vision and strategic plan for capacity building and economic development.
ME	Androscoggin Valley COG	\$62,100.00	Funds will be used to provide technical assistance to three municipalities and one county in Western Maine. The primary focus of the proposed program will be on strategic planning to prepare the towns for the changing conditions in their areas. These include an increased loss of manufacturing jobs, increased sprawl caused by home development for seasonal visitors, and the sale of large tracts of land by paper and timber companies to investment groups and developers.
MT	Gateway Economic Dev. Corp.	\$186,756.00	Funds will be used to provide financial and technical assistance to develop local community capacity building to help achieve local economic development goals in four rural Montana communities.
National (D.C.)	Housing Assistance Council	\$300,000.00	Funds will be used to provide technical assistance to build the capacity of 20 locally-based nonprofit organizations and tribal entities that provide affordable

			housing, economic development and supportive services to low-income individuals and families in rural areas.
NC	North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center	\$300,000.00	Grantee will provide 12 small towns (with populations less than 5,000) economic development “coaches” to provide counseling and technical assistance. The selected towns have been hard hit by recent changes in the national economy, including layoffs from the textile industry and tobacco-related manufacturing.
NC	Yadkin-Pee Dee Lakes Project	\$150,000.00	Grantee has selected 5 small towns in five of the counties and will provide instruction and guidance in how to develop strategic plans; 2 full-time staff members to provide assistance and instruction in how to develop and leverage funding resources; training in the development of entrepreneurship, tourism, sustainable agriculture enterprises, and outdoor recreation business development.
NE	Nebraska Dept. of Econ. Development	\$300,000.00	Funds will be used to assist the Nebraska Department of Economic Development in training community members in leadership skills, government programs and application, economic and community development capacity building, and youth entrepreneurship.
N.Y. (National)	Local Initiative Support Corp.	\$300,000.00	Funds will be used to provide financial and technical assistance to build recipient CDC's capacity and ability to develop affordable housing and community facilities and undertake other community and economic development programs and projects.
OH	WSOS Community Action Commission, Inc.	\$175,000.00	Funds will allow grantee to assist Morgan County and the Village of New London in identifying and addressing economic development needs. Needs include the correction of infrastructure deficiencies. Grantee will assist in developing and implementing plans of action with follow up assistance as needed.
OK	Rural Enterprises of Oklahoma, Inc.	\$125,000.00	Funds will be used to train non-profit community action agencies how to promote and package a newly funded REI down payment and closing cost assistance program and the RD Section 502 Direct Loan Program. The recipients will be able to serve more deserving low and

			very low income families as well as generate revenue to help fund or sustain their services and programs.
OR	Portland State University	\$114,917.00	Funds will be used to build collaborative partnerships to develop renewable energy projects and to provide training in collaborative “governance” in Lake County, Oregon. This includes providing technical assistance to assist with the implementation of projects.
OR	South Central Oregon Economic Dev. District	\$50,575.00	Grantee will provide financial and technical assistance to 3 recipients. Chiloquin Visions, Klamath Lake Housing Resource Center and City of Chiloquin – providing technical assistance to newly hired staff, setting up accounting systems and other internal operations that will allow for increased capacity. Develop capacity of the City to access alternative funding resources and apply for and manage community infrastructure funding. Provide training expenses and training related travel costs to the Housing Resource Center staff who in turn will share information on housing programs and assist the City of Chiloquin and Klamath Tribes in developing housing programs and accessing program funding.
PR	Puerto Rico Community Foundation	\$300,000.00	Funds will be used to provide technical assistance on five non-profit recipient organizations to promote community economic development at their immediate communities and at their broader regional impact area.
SD	Northeast South Dakota Comm. Action Program	\$300,000.00	Technical assistance will be provided by the grantee to four recipients, which will allow these recipients to provide new functions to their beneficiaries in the form of homeownership education and allow them to expand their capacity in their housing community and economic development programs.
TX	Texas Tech University	\$64,867.00	Grantee will provide direct management training and technical assistance to rural Farm Labor Housing Organizations in West Texas to help those organizations meet their potential.
TX	Cameron Works, Inc.	\$250,000.00	Grantee will provide technical assistance to rural cities and economic development corporations located in Cameron County,

VA	LENOWISCO Planning District Commission	\$50,000.00	Texas. Funds will be used to provide technical assistance to the service area's of Lee, Scott, Wise, and public service authorities and City of Norton.
VA	Association for Enterprise Opportunity	\$180,000.00	Rural Community Development Initiative funds will be provided for entrepreneurial education, access to capital and markets, and support to aspiring and established entrepreneurs.
VA	Virginia Dept. of Housing and Community Dev.	\$191,625.00	Funds will be used to provide technical assistance to recipient organizations through organizational development and growth, management, project and program development, community relations and accountability, and resource development.
WA	Northwest SEED	\$75,000.00	Funds will be used to development a comprehensive Tribal Energy Plan, implementing energy saving measures throughout the reservation, and assessing opportunities for the development of renewable energy projects, will create energy savings and stimulate economic development in 3 Washington Tribes, the Colville, Spokane and Nisqually Tribes
WI	West Central Wisconsin Comm. Action Agency, Inc.	\$124,371.00	Funds will be used to provide technical assistance to 5 recipient organizations in several inter-related aspects of housing and economic development.
	TOTAL	\$6,454,086.00	

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